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SUBJECT: "CONSULAR PACKAGE" FY 1975

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FY 73 FY 74 FY 75

SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

IV ISSUED	142	150	150
IV REFUSED	-	-	-
IV REPLACED	-	-	-
TOTAL	142	150	150

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN	150	150	150
LOCAL	695	695	695
TOTAL	845	845	845

SCHEDULE II - NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

NIV ISSUED	7132	7845	8629
NIV REFUSED	828	910	1000
NIV REVAL/TRANSFERRED		71	78 85
SUB-TOTAL NIV CASES	8031	8833	9714
BORDER CROSSING CARDS		-	- -
CREW LIST VISAS	-	-	-
CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE		58	64 70
TOTALS	8089	8897	9784

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN	1199	1110	1110
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LOCAL	5938	5535	6259
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TOTAL	7137	6645	7369
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SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

DEATHS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS		48	55	60
ESTATES/PROPERTY	56	30	30	
NOTARIALS	995	1050	1050	
WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS		121	135	150
ARRESTS	7	7	7	
SEAMEN/SHIPPING	-	-	-	
TREASURY CHECKS				
A. SOCIAL SECURITY	2973	3100	3250	
B. VETERANS ADMIN.	247	250	250	
C. OTHERS	607	250	250	
TOTAL TREASURY CHECKS		3827	3600	3750
SERVICES FOR OTHER FEDERAL OF STATE AGENCIES				
A. SOCIAL SECURITY	731	770	810	
B. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION		80	85	90
C. ALL OTHERS	29	30	30	
TOTAL SERVICES	840	885	930	
CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE		12	15	15
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED				
AMERICANS	1151	1350	1350	
LOCAL	4689	4688	5233	
TOTAL	5840	6038	6588	

SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES

EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS		62	65	68
EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS		-	-	-
ISSUANCE	52	55	60	
CARDS OF IDENTITY	17	18	19	
NO FEE PPTS/APPLICATIONS		1	1	1
AMENDMENTS	23	24	25	
VERIFICATION	-	-	-	
REGISTRATION:				
A. APPLICATIONS FOR REG.		38	40	42
B. NUMBER REGISTERED	2209	2320	2436	
C. ESTIMATED NUMBER U.S.				
NATIONAL CIVILIAN RESIDENTS:				
(1) US OFFICIALS & DEPENDENTS		68	70	70

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(2) US NON-OFFICIALS	865	951	1046
BIRTH AFFIDAVIT	-	-	-
BIRTH REGISTRATION	1	2	2
COPY FS-240	-	1	1
WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	1	-	-
WAIVER OF PASSPORT	-	-	-
TOTALS	3337	3547	3770
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED			

AMERICAN	330	390	390
LOCAL	H		
950	949	1058	
TOTAL	1280	1339	1448

SCHEDULE V - REMARKS AND JUSTIFICATION:

1. NONIMMIGRANT VISAS: DURING FY 1973 THE NUMBER OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS ISSUED BY THE EMBASSY ROSE BY 16 PERCENT OVER FY 1972, MORE THAN DOUBLE OF THE 7.5 PERCENT INCREASE WE ANTICIPATED LAST YEAR. THE REASONS FOR THIS UNEXPECTEDLY HIGH INCREASE ARE THE CONTINUED LIBERALIZATION OF THE GOH'S PASSPORT POLICY REGARDING TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES AND INCREASED TRAVEL BY BUSINESSMEN AND PERSONS UNDER THE SPLEX PROGRAM. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE DEMAND FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISAS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT A YEAR UNLESS THERE IS AN UNEXPECTED REVERSAL OF THE GOH'S PASSPORT

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POLICY. FUTURE INCREASES COULD BE EVEN GREATER IF FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOWANCES WERE INCREASED TO PERMIT HUNGARIAN VISITORS FOR PLEASURE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES RATHER THAN FORCING RELATIVES TO FOOT THE BILL. AN INDICATION OF POTENTIAL DEMAND BY HUNGARIAN TOURISTS IS THE IMMEDIATE AND HEAVY RESPONSE TO THE STATE TRAVEL AGENCY'S FIRST TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS BEING OFFERED THIS FALL. ALTHOUGH THE ALL-INCLUSIVE TWO-WEEK TOUR HAD A PRICETAG OF 42,000 FORINTS (MORE THAN AN AVERAGE WORKER'S YEARLY SALARY), THE 50 AVAILABLE PLACES WERE SOLD OUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE TOUR'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. ESTATES/PROPERTY: AS A RESULT OF THE USG-GOH CLAIMS AGREEMENT SIGNED IN MARCH 1973, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES REGARDING PROPERTY AND CLAIMS IN HUNGARY ADDRESSED TO THE EMBASSY WILL DECLINE DRAMATICALLY. NEVERTHELESS, WE STILL EXPECT TO BE APPROACHED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WILL REQUEST US TO MAKE OFFICIAL INQUIRIES REGARDING THE STATUS OF THEIR HUNGARIAN PROPERTY SINCE AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY BY THE EMBASSY TO THE MFA HAS BEEN THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO OBTAIN A PROMPT ANSWER CONCERNING THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN'S PROPERTY HERE.

3. WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS: ACCORDING TO GOH STATISTICS, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS TRAVELING TO HUNGARY WAS 70,000 IN CALENDAR 1972 A 20 PERCENT JUMP OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS LARGER NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS COMING TO HUNGARY WAS NO DOUBT LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS CASES. AS WE EXPECT THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN VISITORS COMING TO HUNGARY TO INCREASE DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS BY AT LEAST TEN PERCENT PER YEAR, WE WOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE A SIMILAR RISE IN THE NUMBER OF WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS SERVICES WE PERFORM.

4. TREASURY CHECKS: THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TREASURY CHECKS DISTRIBUTED HAS DIRECTLY RESULTED FROM A SHARP DROP IN THE NUMBER OF CHECKS HANDLED IN THE "OTHER" CATEGORY. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CHECKS IN THE "OTHER" CATEGORY WERE FROM DIVESTED HUNGARIAN ACCOUNTS WHICH, PRIOR TO THE MARCH CLAIMS AGREEMENT, WERE PAID OUT ON A MONTHLY BASIS. SINCE THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PAYING THE REMAINING BALANCES IN THESE ACCOUNTS IN ONE LUMP SUM. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME HOW MANY OF THESE FORMERLY BLOCKED ACCOUNTS REMAIN TO BE SETTLED AND HOW MANY CHECKS WE MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE FOR DISTRIBUTION DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

5. SERVICES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY HAVE ALSO DECREASED DUE TO THE FACT THAT SEVERAL OUTSTANDING ONE-TIME CLAIMS HAVE BEEN SETTLED AND BECAUSE THE SSA NOW ONLY REQUIRES THE TIME CONSUMING OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS IN VERY EXCEPTIONAL CASES. HOWEVER, WITH CONTINUED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES RETIRING HERE WE ANTICIPATE A MODEST RISE IN THE NUMBER OF SSA SERVICES OVER THE FY 9173 BASE FIGURE.

6. US RESIDENTS IN HUNGARY HAVE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY AS MORE BUSINESSMEN, STUDENTS, EXCHANGE VISITORS AND, PARTICULARLY ELDERLY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES HAVE SETTLED HERE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. WE EXPECT THIS TREND TO CONTINUE.

7. MAN HOURS: THE INCREASE IN NONIMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCE AND PASSPORT WORK COULD BE HANDLED BECAUSE DURING FY 1973 THE LOCAL STAFF WORKED AT ITS FULL COMPLEMENT, CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS YEARS. ALTHOUGH INCREASES IN EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY SHOULD ENABLE US TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED UNCLASSIFIED

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HEAVIER DEMAND FOR SERVICES IN FY 1974, THE STEADY RISE IN THE VISA AND NON-VISA WORKLOAD WILL MAKE AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMPLOYEE IMPERATIVE IN FY 1975.

8. MISCELLANEOUS: THE CONSULAR SECTION'S MAN HOURS FOR THE WORKLOAD CONNECTED WITH OBTAINING HUNGARIAN AND OTHER VISAS FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN AND OUT OF HUNGARY OF BEARERS OF US DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, WHICH IN LAST YEAR'S PACKAGE REPORT WERE LISTED UNDER GENERAL CONSULAR SERVICES, WERE INCLUDED UNDER SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES IN THIS REPORT.

SCHEDULE VI - CONSULAR STAFFING - FULL TIME PERMANENT POSITIONS:

FY 1973 - REGIONAL BUREAU AUTHORIZATIONS:

GENERAL CONSULAR: AMERICAN 2; LOCAL 7.

FY 1973 FILLED POSITIONS 6/30/73:

VISA: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 3

SCS: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 1

PPT: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 1.

GENERAL CONSULAR: AMERICANS: 1.75; LOCALS: 2

GY 1974 - REQUIRED:

VISA: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 3

SCS: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 1

PPT: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 1

GENERAL CONSULAR: AMERICANS 1.75; LOCALS: 2

FY 1975 - REQUIRED:

VISA: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 4

SCS: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 1

PPT: AMERICANS: NONE; LOCALS: 1

GENERAL CONSULAR: AMERICANS: 1.75; LOCALS 2.

NOTE: ONE CONSULAR OFFICER SPENDS TWO HOURS PER DAY AS
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